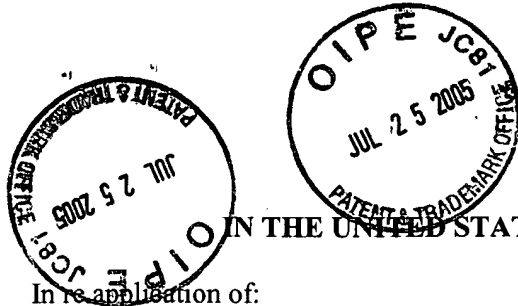


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on July 7, 2005, Applicant hereby resubmits the entire "Amendments to Claim" section of the Amendment Response previously filed August 27, 2004; resubmitted for response to Non-Compliant Amendment filed December 22, 2004; and resubmitted further as response to Non-Compliant Amendment filed April 8, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.